

ARMED SHIPS NOT PEACEFUL MERCHANTMEN

German Ambassador von Bernstorff Intended to Inform United States Submarine Warfare Assurances Still Binding

APPLICATION IS DEFINED

Germany Holds that British Ships Carry Guns for the Express Purpose of Attacking and Sinking German Submarines

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Germany has instructed Count von Bernstorff to inform the United States government that the assurances regarding the future conduct of submarine warfare given in the Lusitania and Arabic cases still are binding, but that they apply only to merchantmen of a peaceful character. The German government is understood to contend that armed merchantmen without regard to the nature of their armament, have shown themselves not to be peaceful and therefore subject to destruction without warning.

The instructions direct the German ambassador particularly to tell Secretary Lansing that British merchantmen armed ostensibly only for defense have not assumed the character of peaceful traders but that on the contrary, they carry guns for the special purpose of attacking German submarines. To support this contention, the Berlin foreign office has sent the ambassador, for presentation to the state department, a list of at least twenty incidents where it is claimed British merchant ships have attacked submarines.

Confidential advices received from Berlin state that German and Austrian submarine commanders already have been given their new orders and that from midnight Tuesday they will be authorized to sink without warning all armed merchant ships of the enemies of Germany. It was said also that many of the submarine commanders probably had left their base on voyages and that even should the United States request the postponing of the opening of the campaign, it would be impossible to get word to many of the submarines. It was stated, however, that so far neither the United States nor any other nation had asked for a postponement.

While Count von Bernstorff and other officials of the German embassy declined to discuss the instructions from Berlin in any way, it is believed the ambassador will present them orally to Secretary Lansing tomorrow.

They will not, it was said, take the form of a note unless Secretary Lansing desires it. Count von Bernstorff received his instructions in reply to a request from the United States for assurances regarding the conduct of submarine warfare in the future, occasioned by the memorandum announcing the intention of Germany to sink armed ships without warning, which the administration considered to be inconsistent with the assurances previously given.

Regardless of form in which the matter is presented to Secretary Lansing, the German ambassador will lay much

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FORTY OR MORE DROWN WHEN SHIP STRIKES MINE; RESCUING BOAT ALSO MINED AND SUNK

RECRUITING AMERICAN SOLDIERS FOR BRITISH FORCES IS CHARGED

BUTCHER STRIKE BREACH WIDENS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 27.—The breach in settlement negotiations between officials of the Cudahy and Armour packing companies and the 2,300 strikers at the St. Louis City plants was widened today when at a mass meeting of strikers it was decided to demand the original scale of 22-2 cents an hour for all common laborers, instead of accepting the 21 cents an hour offered, which was practically decided on.

TINY BROADWICK WEDS SHIPMASTER

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] SAN DIEGO, Feb. 27.—Tiny Broadwick, considered one of the most sensational aviators in the country, was married here today to Andrew H. Olsen, master of a schooner. One of Miss Broadwick's feats was the demonstration of the practicability of an aerial life preserver before Brigadier General G. P. Serian, head of the United States army aviation school, on this occasion she leaped from an aeroplane at a height of 1,500 feet.

MAN AND WIFE ARE SHOT FROM AMBUSH

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] GRANTS PASS, Ore., Feb. 27.—T. B. Akers, a farmer, and his wife, were shot from ambush and instantly killed near here today while driving from their home to a church. M. D. Bousman, a neighbor, was arrested at his home soon after the shooting and when brought here it was said, confessed the deed.

Bousman, who is 63 years old, had been having trouble with the Akers over a line fence surrounding their place and which had been broken down. Recently Akers complained to officers here that he had been threatened by Bousman, and a letter was sent to Bousman by the district attorney warning him not to molest the Akers. The latter, according to Bousman's statement, after his arrest today only served to cause him to act at once.

"I laid in wait for them today," he is said to have told the authorities, "and the next thing I knew I was shooting."

Seven shots from a rifle were fired.

Three Are Arrested in Honolulu Charged With Conspiring to Induce American Soldiers to Join the British Army

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] HONOLULU, T. H., Feb. 27.—Charged with recruiting American soldiers for service in the British army, W. R. Seligson, alias W. R. Stein; C. D. Randall, alias Henderson, alias England, and a recently discharged sergeant of the Fourth United States cavalry named Jefferson, were arrested here today by United States Marshal Joseph J. Smiddy.

Seligson was charged with being the agent between the runners in the plot and the principals, and Randall and Jefferson were arrested as runners. Other arrests will be made, it was announced, of people prominent in Honolulu life.

The three men arrested were taken before United States Commissioner George S. Curry and held to answer. Jefferson, who is understood to have entered the conspiracy as the agent of the federal authorities, was released on his own recognizance. The others were held in jail.

From documents found on the persons of the men arrested and in Randall's trunk, it was learned that 150 recruits had been secured and that 124 of them had gone to the front. Two others were awaiting the arrival of the steamer Niagara from Australia for British Columbia.

Most of the recruits had been service. The majority of them were discharged American soldiers who had purchased their discharges with the help of the alleged conspirators.

Seligson was said to have furnished the soldiers with letters offering employment, as required by the army regulations and to have furnished the funds for the purchase of discharges.

Randall, it is said, told Commissioner Curry all he knew about the plot and it was on information furnished by Randall that the authorities based their prediction of other important arrests. Randall came here several months ago from Wellington, N. Z., and Seligson, or Stein, was a recent arrival who came here, he announced, to establish a branch of a New York dressing company.

ABANDON SHIP AFIRE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] LONDON, Feb. 27.—The British steamship Stevie, from New York, February 11 for Havre, has been abandoned at sea, according to a dispatch to Lloyd's from Inishtrahull, Ireland. All the members of the crew are reported to have been taken off by another steamer.

Steamship Maloja Goes to Bottom Two Miles Off Dover and Death Toll Is Estimated at More Than Two Score

HIGH SEAS WERE RUNNING AT TIME

Realizing Great Damage Had Been Done After Part Captain Attempts to Ground Ship Which Becomes Unmanageable

(By A. P. Leased Wire) DOVER, Feb. 27.—The

steamship Maloja, a 12,341-ton vessel belonging to the Peninsular and Oriental line, struck a mine and sank within a half hour two miles off Dover today. More than forty persons were drowned or killed as a result of the accident.

The Maloja left Tilbury only yesterday for Bombay with mails, 119 passengers of all classes aboard and a crew numbering about 200, most of them Lascars. Other passengers were to join the ship at Marseilles.

The steamer had just passed Admiralty pier at Dover and was opposite Shakespeare Cliff when an explosion shook her from end to end. She listed immediately to port. High seas were running and the captain, realizing that great damage had been done to the after part of his vessel, tried to run her aground, but the engine room was swamped and the ship became unmanageable.

The plight of the vessel was observed and dozens of craft went at full speed to her rescue. One of them, the British tanker Empress of Fort William, of 2,181 tons, struck another mine and sank nearby.

Aboard the Maloja everything possible was done to get the passengers and crew off. All the boats had already been swung out before she struck, as a precaution against

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FRENCH FAIL TO REGAIN FORT DE DOUAMONT IN DETERMINED ATTACK

Incidentally in Battle Centering Around Verdun With Half Million Men Engaged Champagneville Falls to the Germans

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] In the great battle centering around Verdun in which a half million men are engaged, Champagneville, to the west and the fortified works of Haudumont, to the east of Fort Douaumont, have been captured by the Germans. Berlin also claims to have captured the Cote de Talou, to the west of Douaumont, but according to the French official statement, the artillery fire coming from both sides has rendered this position untenable for either French or Germans.

The French are hurling attack after attack upon the Douaumont positions held by the Germans who are declared to be maintaining themselves with difficulty, but in the Woivre region, to the east of Verdun, the French advanced posts have been withdrawn.

Large reinforcements are being brought up probably by both forces and it is reported that the British lines are being extended in Belgium and France in order that French troops may be released for the Verdun battle.

Marine disasters are again a feature of the news. Several steamers have been blown up by mines and it is believed that the recent great storm along the coast of England in the North sea has set powerful mines adrift.

The Peninsular and Oriental steamship Maloja, the mail steamer Mecklenburg, the steamer Empress of Fort William and the steamer Birgit have been sunk, three of them by mines. The French steamer Trignac has been lost in the North sea, two explosions splitting the vessel apart.

The Maloja went down off Dover, and more than forty persons lost their lives. The loss of the Trignac is estimated at 26. In addition it is confirmed that the British steamer Fastnet has been sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine.

French Repulsed Five Times. BERLIN (via London) Feb. 27.—Five determined attempts made by French troops to recapture from the Germans Fort De Douaumont, one of

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Lad Makes Thrilling Rescue

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] OSKALOOSA, Ia., Feb. 27.—In a thrilling rescue by Ray Ellis, an 18-year-old boy, Charles Thomas was taken last Saturday night half frozen and nearly lifeless from a tree in the flooded and ice packed Des Moines river, where he had clung to the branches seven hours after being a companion drowned.

Thomas and A. E. Rommell, Massachusetts county engineers, were in a party attempting to dynamite the ice flow when they were swept into the stream. Rommell perished. Thomas caught in the top of a tree, which had been submerged partly by the flood.

The swollen channel filled with great cakes of ice hurried onward by the swift current, it was deemed impossible to reach Thomas until the youth, Ellis, in a skiff, made a perilous but successful dash through the ice to a point where the marooned man was.

Lodging his boat against two other inundated trees to keep it from being swept downward by the current, the boy, time and again, threw a rope toward Thomas until he finally landed it near enough to the virtually helpless man so he could make it fast to a branch of the tree. Ellis secured his end to one of the trees at the boat and Thomas slid down.

Death nearly balked the rescue at the last moment. In his slide down the rope, Thomas, exhausted, fell and dropped into the water. He sank, but the boy in the boat seized him when he came up and dragged him into the skiff.

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Two Killed Four Injured In Auto Accident Near Clifton

(Special to The Republican) CLIFTON, Ariz., Feb. 27.—Two men were killed and four others injured on the Clifton-Morenci road at 5 o'clock this afternoon, when an automobile in which they were riding be-

Five Paroled Because Believed Unjustly Charged

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Feb. 27.—Mrs. Ruby Bartol, Mrs. Josie Horn and three men sentenced to the state penitentiaries at San Quentin and Folsom from Del Norte county by Superior Judge John L. Childs two years ago for mistreatment of May, the 11-year-old daughter of Mrs. Bartol, were all released on parole today by the board of prison directors. James A. Johnston, warden of San Quentin prison, announced that the board based its action on the belief that the prisoners had been the victims of a miscarriage of justice.

Those released were: Mrs. Bartol, sentenced to forty years; Mrs. Josie Horn, four years; Orville Taggart and Otto Creitzer, five years each, all in San Quentin; and Fred Hoosier, sentenced to 35 years in Folsom prison. The conviction of these prisoners figured at the last regular session of the state legislature in the proceedings

for the impeachment of Judge Childs, who was charged, among other things, with having influenced the testimony of May Bartol against her mother and the other defendants.

The impeachment proceedings were dismissed on the report of the investigating committee, and although Judge Childs had been proved guilty of irregularities, the evidence did not warrant his removal from office.

Testified Against Mother SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—May Bartol was the star witness during the hearing of the impeachment charges, having been brought from Montana to testify. She told virtually the same story to the assembly investigating committee that she related to jurors in Del Norte county when her mother, Mrs. Horn and three men were given prison sentences by virtue of her testimony. Appeals from the convictions were denied by the higher courts.

BRIDE CONFESSES SLAYING BETRAYER

Mrs. Katherine Vance Harrison Admits Deed to Save Man Suspected

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] PORT WORTH, Feb. 27.—Mrs. Katherine Vance Harrison, 15-year-old bride of Charles Harrison, nephew of Mrs. Charles Culbertson, wife of the senior United States senator from Texas, was released today with her husband after they had given \$2,500 bail each to answer charges of murder filed against them last night. The police said Mrs. Harrison had confessed that she shot and killed W. R. Warren, a hotel proprietor, and claimed that he had wronged her before her marriage.

Warren's body was found riddled with bullets at the side of a country road near here, December 22, 1915. An arrest was made yesterday and the police announced that Mrs. Harrison, to clear the suspected man, had admitted in a signed statement that she was responsible for Warren's death.

Mrs. Harrison invited Warren into her automobile, introduced him to her husband, and drove into the country. The forward turret crew, scored nine hits out of twelve shots with the eight-inch guns and the after turret, eight hits out of the same number of shots. This shooting was done in daylight.

NEW RECORD FOR ACCURATE GUNNERY

Gun Crew of Armored Cruiser San Diego Makes Good Showing

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 27.—What is declared to be a world's record for accurate and rapid fire gunnery was made by gunners of the armored cruiser San Diego at elementary target practice Friday. The gun crew of number 11 six-inch gun scored eight perfect hits out of eight shots in 72 seconds, firing at a range of 1,800 yards. The crew of number 14 three-inch gun scored the same number of bullseyes in as many attempts in 48 seconds, the range being 1,600 yards. Both records were made at night, the pointers picking up the target after it had been illuminated with searchlights.

Officers of the Pacific fleet flagship are confident they will be able to retain the Spokane trophy for 1915-1916 which was awarded to this vessel for excellency in gunnery for 1914-1915.

In big gun shooting the San Diego did not equal her record of last year. The forward turret crew, scored nine hits out of twelve shots with the eight-inch guns and the after turret, eight hits out of the same number of shots. This shooting was done in daylight.

DROWNS TRYING TO SAVE SISTER

Physician Perishes in Surf While Attempting a Heroic Rescue

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] LOS ANGELES, Feb. 27.—Dr. Haddon B. Christensen of Vancouver, B. C., was drowned today in the surf at Venice, Cal., a beach resort near here, when he attempted to rescue his sister, Mrs. R. Toft, also of Vancouver, who was seized with cramps while bathing.

Lifeguards rescued Mrs. Toft and she was removed to a hospital. Her condition was said to be serious. When Dr. Christensen reached his sister in the surf she grasped him about the neck and pulled him under the water. A lifeline was thrown to the endangered pair from the beach, but it broke when Dr. Christensen grabbed it.

Lifeguards then went to the rescue. They rescued Mrs. Toft, but when they reached Dr. Christensen he was floating face downward in the water. He was removed to the beach, but efforts to revive him failed.

Dr. Christensen and Mrs. Toft had been spending the winter at Venice. They were registered as being from Vancouver, B. C., but papers in the man's pockets indicated he recently lived in New Westminster, B. C. He was about 40 years old. Mrs. Toft is about 28.

SACRIFICE ALL BUT HUMANITY AND JUSTICE

President Says Should Keep Out of War, Disregarding Everything But That Upon Which Character and History Founded

SPEAKS WITH UNUSUAL GRAVITY

Address Before Gridiron Club Is Confidential, But Is Made Public Because of Urgings of Those Who Heard It

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—President Wilson told members and guests at a gridiron club dinner last night that America ought to keep out of the European war "at the sacrifice of everything except this single thing upon which her character and her history are founded, her sense of humanity and justice."

The address was confidential, since the speeches at the dinners of the gridiron club, composed of newspaper correspondents, are not reported. It was made public tonight, however, because many of those who heard it urged that it should go to the country.

The president spoke of the nation's affairs with unusual gravity. His hearers, including several hundred members of congress, government officials, business men and correspondents, were brought to their feet cheering when he concluded with these words:

"I would be just as much ashamed to be rash as I would to be a coward. Valor is self-respecting. Valor is circumspect. Valor strikes only when it is right to strike. Valor withholds itself from all small temptations and entanglements and waits for the great opportunity when the sword will flash as it carried the light of heaven on its blade."

The address in part follows:

"Your talk, Mr. Toastmaster, has been a great deal about candidacy for the presidency. It is not a new feeling on my part, but one which I entertain with a greater intensity than formerly, that a man who seeks the presidency of the United States for anything that will bring to him is an audacious fool. The responsibilities of the office ought to sober a man even before he approaches it. One of the difficulties of the office seldom appreciated, I dare say, is that it is very difficult to think while so many people are talking, and particularly while so many people are talking in a way that obscures counsel and is entirely off the point.

"The point in national affairs, gentlemen, never lies along the lines of expediency. It always rests in the field of principle. The United States was not founded upon any principle of expediency; it was founded upon a profound principle of human liberty and of humanity, and whenever it loses its policy upon any other foundations than those, it builds on the sand and not upon the solid rock.

"It seems to me that if you do not think of the things that lie beyond and away from and disconnected from this scene in which we attempt to think and conclude, you will inevitably be led astray. I would a great deal rather know what they are talking about around quiet firesides all over this

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WILL TAKE OVER 'FRISCO SYSTEM

New Corporation Will Be Formed With Capital of \$450,000,000

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—A new corporation with an authorized capital of \$450,000,000 and bond issues aggregating \$400,000,000, will be formed to take over the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad company, according to official announcement made here today by the bankers designated as the re-organization managers.

The plan, it was said, provides for the sale of the old company's properties under foreclosure of the refunding or general lien mortgage, or both. It also embraces terms on which some of the securities of the new company will be given in exchange for those of the old corporation, while others will be sold to a purchase syndicate. The stock and bonds under the re-organization plan will be divided as follows: \$250,000,000 prior lien bonds; \$75,000,000 cumulative adjustment bonds; \$200,000,000 non cumulative preferred stock and \$250,000,000 common stock.

Both the preferred and common stock of the new company will be held by a voting trust for a period of five years. The trustees will be Frederick W. Allen, James W. Lusk, Charles H. Sablin, James Speyer, Frederick Straus, Eugene V. R. Thayer and Festus J. Wade.